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Re: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

The settlement agreement between the U.S. Government and Microsoft comes at a critical time when our economy and nation most need reconciliation. The settlement is fair requiring significant changes in the way Microsoft develops, licenses and markets its software. In turn, the settlement allows innovation and competition to move forward on all sides and removes a critical point of uncertainty for high-tech companies. More importantly, the provisions of the settlement will foster greater competition in the software industry and give consumers more choice in purchasing and upgrading their computers.

I support the Department of Justice and nine Attorneys General for their efforts to finally put an end to this case and agreeing to a settlement that is in our nation's best interest.

Yours very truly,

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